

Director's Meeting

Friday, 25 April 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [ ] 25X1

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that Mr. Papich of the FBI was coming in to see the Director this morning and stated that he had seen Papich yesterday. In this connection, he stated he had discussed a certain individual with Papich and while this might be the reason for Papich's visit, he might also raise the question of his (Mr. Dulles') stand on an FBI request for information from the Department of State in which both he and Mrs. Dulles were mentioned. Mr. Dulles also noted that Papich had indicated to him that the withdrawal of this report had not been discussed with Mr. Hoover since the FBI had never in its history requested that any of its reports be withdrawn or destroyed but rather used the practice of submitting a corrigendum. The Director stated that (1) he had only agreed to see Papich since [ ] had spent some time with Mr. Hoover last week; (2) insofar as the above-mentioned report was concerned, he considered this not as an individual matter but one pertaining to a senior official of this Agency and noted he would discuss this with the President when he saw him today.

b. Noted that he had heard a radio report this morning that the Communists would, in all probability, capture two thirds of the seats in the municipal elections in Italy. Mr. Wisner pointed out that our people had always been extremely pessimistic about these administrative and municipal elections. In this connection, Mr. Dulles said that State had "stood by" and done nothing concerning the above elections.. In response to a query from the Director as to whether we had ever put State on notice as to what they should do in this regard, Mr. Dulles stated that he had made a report to State as a result of his last trip to Europe. After some further discussion and at Mr. Dulles' suggestion, Mr. Wisner undertook [ ] to report to State our concern over the above-mentioned elections. Mr. Becker undertook to have OCE prepare a round-up of the Italian Communist situation which will be coordinated with O/NE.

c. Briefly discussed his conversation with Mr. Pope of the Louisville Courier-Journal as reported in the minutes of the Deputies' Meeting of 22 April.

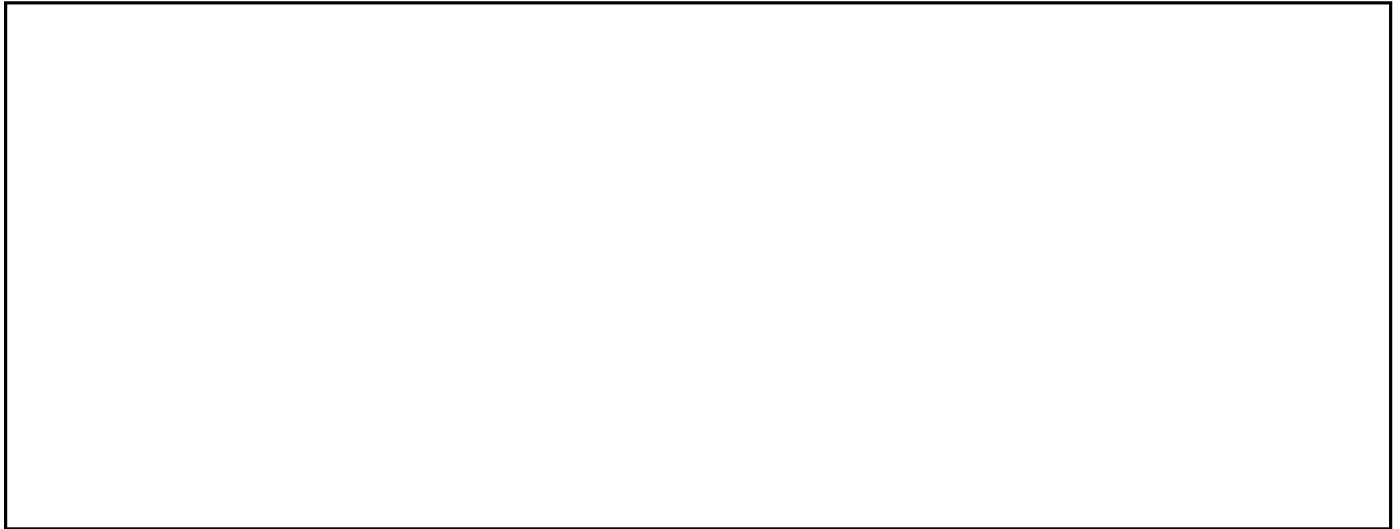
Mr. Wisner:



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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)



Mr. Hedden briefly discussed certain cover which could be developed for our people and, after some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to pursue this matter further with Mr. Hedden.

Mr. Becker noted that just before coming to the meeting, he had received a report concerning disturbances in Ecuador and undertook to bring this matter in more detail to the Director's attention prior to today's Presidential briefing.



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